

## Solid Waste Funding Workgroup December 9, 2011, Meeting Notes

The meeting was held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Con Con Conference Room, Atrium South, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.

The workgroup was welcomed. The members introduced themselves and identified which organization they are representing.

Tom Frazier	Michigan Townships Association
Michael Csapo	RRRASOC representing waste authorities
Geoffrey Donaldson	St. Clair County representing Michigan Association of Counties
William Hinz	Allegan County Health Department representing Health Departments (MALPH)
Bill Lobenherz	Michigan Soft Drink Association representing the Michigan Recycling Partnership
Gary Dawson	Consumers Energy Company representing Type III landfill interests
Andy Such	Michigan Manufacturers Association representing MMA
Patty O'Donnell	Northwest Michigan Council of Governments representing the Michigan Association of Regions (Phone)
Tonia Olsen	Granger representing Michigan Waste Industries Association
Roger Simon	Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Company representing Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Randall Slikkers	Goodwill Association of America representing reuse stores
Doug Wood	Kent County Department of Public Works representing Waste to Energy facilities and County Public Works Departments (Phone)
Liz Browne	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Steve Sliver	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Matt Flechter	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Also invited but unable to be present were...	
Sandy Rosen	Michigan Recycling Coalition
Jason Geer	Michigan Chamber of Commerce
James Clift	Michigan Environmental Council
Jason Mancini	Michigan Municipal League representing MML

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Contracting Landfill Inspections Sub-committee Report – No report. Chair, Tonia Olson, informed the workgroup that the first meeting was being planned.

The SWFW asked for more information about the frequency of inspections and the level of staff effort to do the inspections.

Update for Solid Waste Program staffing levels, enforcement staff were consulted and it was agreed that 1 additional FTE is needed to adequately respond to enforcement issues.

There is not an update on the staff level necessary for technical reviews. District staff will be plan to discuss this issue in the following week.

The SWFW proceeded with systematically reviewing the policy and identifying roles outside of the DEQ Solid Waste Program.

These activities include funding for solid waste planning activities at the county level including writing and implementing the plans. Funding for “benchmark” recycling programs at the local level. Outreach and education. Measurement. Economic development role. State Solid Waste Policy implementation.

There was agreement that these issues should be kept on the table as items that the workgroup should work to identify a funding level and funding source.

The funding levels necessary to implement these items are described in the Michigan Recycling Coalition report [2011 State of Recycling in Michigan: A Way Forward](#) which is posted online.

The work group asked the DEQ to identify the cost and staffing level of the DEQ core solid waste program.

**Next Meeting** is January 6, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Con Con A & B Conference Room, Atrium South, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.